<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-51 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-40, drawn to a method of measuring for droplet measurements,

classified in class 422, subclass 100; and

Group II, claims 41-51, drawn to an apparatus for droplet measurements, classified in

class 73, subclass 861.080.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with

traverse, Group I, claims 1-40.

<u>Traversal</u>

The Applicants respectfully submit that a serious burden has not been placed on the

Examiner to consider all of the claims in a single application. The Examiner is respectfully

requested to reconsider his restriction and act on all of the claims in the present application. If

the Examiner persists in his restriction requirement, the Applicants reserve the right to file one or

more divisional applications directed to claims 41-51 at a later date if they so desire.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No.

50,876) at 703-208-4030, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in

connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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